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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Masayuki SHONO, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 6450
Application No.: 10/807,161	:	Group Art Unit: 2891
Filed: March 24, 2004	:	Examiner: D. Mentz
For: LIGHT EMITTING DEVICE AND ILLUMINATOR	:	

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated December 15, 2005, the Examiner imposed a requirement for an election of species pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, requiring election of either:

- Species I. A light emitting device, with claims 1 through 19 listed; or
- Species II. An illuminator, with claims 20 through 24 listed.

In response, Applicants elect to prosecute Species I, directed to a light emitting device (claims 1 through 19).

Further, Applicants confirms the Examiner's listing of claims 1 through 19 as readable on elected Species I. Favorable consideration of claims 1 through 19 is solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

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including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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